

SCARC November - 2016

Newsletter of the St. Clair Amateur Radio Club

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Happy Thanksgiving to all the members of **SCARC**, this is the November edition of the SCARC newsletter. You may catch up on earlier newsletters by visiting our website at <http://www.scarc.net>. There is additional information about the club as well as history, special events, club officer information, etc... check it out.

Meeting Date, Time and location: This month's meeting will be on November 17th at the Belleville Fire House #4, meeting starts at 8:00PM.

News and Special events: The Club continues to make progress as we round out 2016. There are several activities and opportunities for you to get involved and help the club prosper and grow. Our newest member Kevin Culp, KZ3L (welcome Kevin), paid his dues and officially became a member. I hope we can recruit many more members. Our meetings are "Open" meetings, meaning you can invite a guest and prospective new member any time, give them a chance to see what we are all about before they would join. October was an active month for Hams, as we had the Illinois QSO party on the 16th (we almost set a new record as we acquired over a million points.) Our thanks to Dennis, KM90 for all his hard work and planning and coordinating that he put into making it one of the most successful QSO parties we have had. There was the Halloween Hamfest on the 29th in Kirkwood, MO which seemed good. (I actually got a real professional, multi-band 2-Meter antenna for the base station). Next up will be the Winterfest at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, Jan 28, 2017. The Antenna Builders met in Granite City at the club house to work on antennas and other activities. Special guest **Mr. Jim Snipper** of the **SAVE** (St Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises), joined us at the October meeting and provided information about the SAVE organization. The club donated \$100 to SAVE, and the check was presented at the meeting. Looking at the November schedule, we see Thanksgiving is coming up fast, it will be on Thursday, Nov 24th causing us to move our **club meeting to Thursday, 17th Nov**, so mark your calendar. That also behooves us to look at December, and the meeting for Dec will be our annual Christmas Dinner and get-together, at Fischer's Restaurant meeting about 6:00PM on the 15th of December (3rd Thursday in Dec), so mark these dates and please plan to join us... If you would like to pay your club dues for 2017, bring your money to the dinner as it will be collected there, or pay it at the January meeting. Happy Thanksgiving to all...

New Members: We did not have any new members introduced at the club for the Oct meeting, so please keep asking your friends and relatives if they would like to be Amateur Radio Operators (HAMS) and if so, we can help them get their license, then they can join the club... we all win... win-win is a good thing. We have several new VEs that can help.

Winterfest HAMFEST/CONVENTION, 01/28/2017 **Location:** Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. Sponsor: *St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club*, Contact: **Rebecca Carroll**, KC9CIJ; Phone: 314-496-7271 **Email:** kc9cij@slsrc.org
No word on cost, but usually \$5.00 to \$7.00 at the door...

Look for a new Hamfest schedule to be posted here soon.

Repeater site Visit. Approximately 3rd weekend in July 2017, (July 15th) the club will visit the repeater site at the SAVE location and facility. Following the visit, there will be a social luncheon at one of the fine eating establishments in the area... maybe in Freeburg this time.

Club Picnic. Probably on Sat, August 30th, but all this is still in the planning category at this time but you can mark your calendar in pencil and be ready...

Club Officer Elections. (See Article III of the club constitution, and Section 2 of the Bylaws), nominations will be opened in January for all elected officer positions. The election will take place at the March meeting.

Antenna Builders: Mr. Dennis Miller, KM9O is the sponsor/coordinator for all the Antenna Builder's meetings, usually at Pleasant Ridge Park, FVH. They are usually on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 10:00 AM and lasting till 2 PM (or so). Come on out and get your antennas made and ready for the Illinois QSO party or Field Day or just having fun DX-ing... For more information, go to our web site: <http://www.scarc.net>

New Members: One new application should be submitted for club membership at each meeting. Applications will be vetted by the Sgt. at Arms and will be brought forward for a vote at the next monthly meeting after being submitted. We look forward to meeting/greeting any new member because to grow our club, we must find people that love to talk (should not be too hard) and that would love to be on the radio. So putting the two together can make a dedicated enthusiast for HAM Radio. We welcome all new members and prospective members and thank them for their interest in Ham Radio.